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Letter dated 3 May 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit, on behalf of the European Union, its contribution to the compilation of national and regional goals and commitments being proposed at the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the fifteenth session of the Commission.

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Permanent Representative



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EU contribution for the CSD 15 compilation of national and regional goals and commitments¹

Region / country	Europe
Leading actor(s)	EU / European Commission/ Member States
Participating actor(s)	None
Main objective(s)	Action Plan "Energy policy for Europe": - Stresses the need to increase energy efficiency in the EU in order to achieve the objective of saving 20% of the EU's energy consumption compared to projections for 2020; - Endorses a binding target of a 20% share of renewable energies in overall EU energy consumption by 2020; - Endorses a 10% binding minimum target to be achieved by all Member States for the share of biofuels in overall EU transport petrol and diesel consumption by 2020, introduced in a cost-efficient way. The binding character of this target is appropriate, subject to production being sustainable, second-generation biofuels becoming commercially available and the Fuel Quality Directive being amended accordingly to allow for adequate levels of blending. - Stresses the need to integrate energy and development policies, and to address energy access for the poor. This includes to develop a comprehensive Africa-EU Energy Partnership and to leverage different financial instruments such as the 10'x' EDF, the National Indicative Programs, the Energy Facility and the Infrastructure Trust Fund. - Stresses the importance of fully exploiting opportunities provided by existing and emerging technologies, in particular those related to energy efficiency and renewable energy sources; - Welcomes the Commission's initiative to establish a new Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund, establishing a public/private partnership to provide equity

¹ Presidency Conclusions of the Brussels European Council 8/9. March 2007 on Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency; Conclusions of the Council of the European Union (Environment) on 23 October 2006 and 18 December 2006.

finance for energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in developing countries and invites other donors, including the EIB, EBRD and other international financial institutions and investors to join this initiative;

Expected results	The promotion of energy saving, energy efficiency and renewable energies contributes to a secure, competitive and sustainable energy future of the EU.
Target area / place	EU Member States/ Global
Arrangement(s) for financing	National and EU budgets
Monitoring process	A Commission proposal for a new comprehensive directive on the use of all renewable energy sources will be presented in 2007.
Contact person	European Commission- DG Environment